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FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS WHICH PRESS MAY ASK DURING
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES:

A. THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED LIST OF COUNTRIES
ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TRADE PREFERENCES LISTED THE
MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS AS "A COLONY OR AUTONOMOUS
BUT NOT SOVEREIGN STATE." WHAT IS THE US POSITION
WITH REGARD TO THE ARGENTINE CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY
OVER THESE ISLANDS?

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT IT
WANTS TO ENCOURAGE TRADE WITH LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS,
BUT THREATENS OUR PRODUCTS WITH COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT POSITION?

3. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE WITH THE NEW
DIALOGUE, AS YOU CALL IT? DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE
MORE EFFECTIVE WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS THAN THE
EFFORTS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS?

4. SOME PEOPLE SAY THE UNITED STATES CAN'T WIN
IN ITS RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. IF YOU SHOW TOO
MUCH INTEREST IN THEM, YOU'RE PUSHING THEM AROUND. IF
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YOU DON'T SHOW ENOUGH YOU DON'T LOVE THEM. HOW DO

YOU CONFRONT THAT PROBLEM?

5. WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES POSITION TODAY ON CUBA? ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF BRING CUBA BACK INTO THE FAMILY OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, REGARDLESS OF ITS DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN POLICIES?
6. HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FIDEL CASTRO AS REPORTED RECENTLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS?
7. IS CUBAS FOREIGN POLICY AND CUBAS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REST OF THE HEMISPHERE MORE OF A CONTROLLING FACTOR IN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES THAN THE QUESTION OF THE SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS OF UNITED STATES PROPERTY SEIZED BY THE CUBANS?
8. WHY ARE THE UNITED STATES AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES SUCH A COMMON TARGET OF TERRORISTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD?
9. HOW DOES THE POSSIBILITY OF A TERRORIST ATTACK ON AN EMBASSY OR ITS PERSONNEL COMPLICATE THE MISSION OF AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES?
10. DO YOU SEE ANY SOLUTION IN SIGHT FOR VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR UNDER THE FOREIGN TRADE ACT PROVISIONS, AS THEY APPLY TO THEIR OPEC MEMBERSHIP?
11. WHERE DO YOU HOPE THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA WILL LEAD? FOR EXAMPLE, DOES THE UNITED STATES STILL THINK IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC REGIMES IN LATIN AMERICA AS IT DID AT ONE TIME, OR HAS IT CHANGED DIRECTION?
12. DID YOU REALIZE THAT THE TRADE ACT WOULD CAUSE SUCH SERIOUS REACTION IN LATIN AMERICA? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN RESPONSE TO THE CRITICISM IT HAS GENERATED?
13. HOW WILL THE UNITED STATES VOTE ON CHANGING THE RULES WITHIN THE OAS REGARDING THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA?
14. WHO IS THE UNITED STATES GOING TO SUPPORT IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS? WOODWARD

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